

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested. This communication is being filed in response to the final Office Action having a mailing date of March 3, 2009. No claims have been added, amended, or canceled. With this filing, claims 1-16 are pending in the application.

I. Telephone Interview Summary

A telephone interview was held between Thomas J. Satagaj, an attorney at Seed Law Group, Examiner Thomas, and Primary Examiner Andrew Johns on May 27, 2009. An Interview Summary form PTOL-413 mailed on June 1, 2009 indicated that the present amendment/response must include "the substance of the interview." Accordingly, the substance of the interview is provided below.

Mr. Satagaj, Examiner Thomas, and Primary Examiner Johns discussed the cited *Bruls* and *Bagni* references and the failure of the cited references to disclose each of the features of the independent claims by telephone on May 27, 2009. Certain features in the claims were also discussed with particular attention paid to Figures 3 and 6 of the present specification in a summarization of the nature of the invention. No agreement on the allowability on the claims was reached in the telephone conversation, but the Primary Examiner agreed that the finality of the Office Action would be withdrawn, the present rejections under 35 USC § 103 would be withdrawn, and a new search would be performed. Additionally, the Primary Examiner agreed that upon further review, the rejections under 35 USC § 112 second paragraph would be withdrawn.

II. Conclusion

It is believed that the present independent claims are clearly patentable and that all dependent claims are also patentable. If there are any informalities or questions that can be addressed via telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Mr. Satagaj at (206) 622-4900.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment only, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

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Reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing remarks is respectfully requested. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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